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exam. of heavy-duty flatcars and depressed-center flat cars made on 20 Nov 1949
indicated:
a. Four- and multi-axle flatcars:

Load Capacity (in tons)	Operational Cars Available	Operational Cars Assigned to Tank Shuttle Trains	Non-Operational Cars Available	Reserve Cars	Damaged Cars	Total
30 to 35	518	=	606	36	590	1124
36 to 39	125	=	97	8	89	222
40 to 44	201	=	150	18	132	351
45 to 49	1	=	1	1	1	2
50 to 54	169	=	231	210	21	400
55 to 59	19	=	1	1	1	19
60 to 64	=	=	=	=	=	=
65 to 69	=	=	=	=	=	=
70 to 79	=	=	=	=	=	=
80 to 89	540	59	472	422	50	1012
90 to 100	1	=	=	=	=	1
more than 100	1	=	=	=	=	1
Total:	1575	59	1557	694	863	3132

b. Depressed-center flatcars:

30 to 35	12	=	2	1	14
36 to 39	1	=	=	=	1
40 to 44	2	=	=	=	2
45 to 49	=	=	=	=	=
50 to 54	10	=	=	=	10
55 to 59	6	=	=	=	6
60 to 64	1	=	=	=	1
65 to 69	=	=	=	=	=

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70 to 79	1	-	-	-	-	1
80 to 89	3	-	-	-	-	3
90 to 100	2	-	4	-	4	6
more than 100	8	-	2	-	2	10
Total:	46	-	8	-	8	54

2. [redacted] a count made on 30 March 1953 of RRym and SSy type flatcars manufactured after 1952, had the following result:

Railroad District	Number of	
	RRym	SSy
	type flatcars	

Berlin	217	77
Cottbus	113	16
Greifswald	143	26
Magdeburg	238	35
Schwerin	108	11
Halle	160	27
Dresden	158	18
Erfurt	122	45
USSR	12	24

Total:	1271	279
Prescribed stock on 30 March 1953:	1292	298

Missing:	21	19
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During searches made on 27 and 29 April 1953, 16 of the missing RRym flatcars (13 on the East German railroad net and 3 in Brest Litovsk) and 7 of the missing SSy flatcars (6 on the East German railroad net and 1 in Brest Litovsk) were found.

The following flatcars were not located:

searched for and

were found, thus leaving 2 RRym and 8 SSy type flatcars unlocated.

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3. According to a count made on 21 May, the following numbers of freight cars were available in East Germany:

Park of operational cars 92,000 units

Park of non-operational cars

including: Damaged cars 20,578

Special purpose cars 4,721

Reserve cars 6,150 31,450 units

Total: 123,450 units

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1. Comment. In April, 1,162 cars were counted. The varying number of cars results from non-recorded rolling stock operating outside East Germany on the day of count. The actual number of cars available in this category is believed to be 1,292. See paragraph 2 of the present report.

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2. Comment. The number of cars in this category is fluctuating. A total of 400 cars is believed to be assigned to tank shuttle trains to which the cars listed under "Reserve Cars" have to be added.

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4. Comment. In April a total of 46 cars was recorded.

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5. Comment. As compared with the total of 1,229 RRym type flatcars reported for 11 March the number of cars in this category increased by 63 units which are probably newly manufactured cars. The number of SSy type flatcars remained constant.

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6. Comment. A total of 125,450 freight cars was available on 15 March 1953.

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